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## NEW HIGHWAY THROUGH KINGSTREE.

### ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING WITH THAT END IN VIEW HELD IN CHARLESTON.

In response to an invitation to be present at a meeting of the directors of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce held in that city Monday for the consideration of the proposed route of the new highway between Charleston and Columbia Senator E C Epps and Mr W F Tolley attended as representatives from the local board of trade. There was considerable interest manifested in the project and it really looks as if the people on the other side of the Santee, who will be affected, mean business and are ready to co-operate with the people of Charleston in the construction of the road.

It was plainly evident that the directors of the Charleston Chamber of Commerce and the representatives attending the meeting from Monck's Corner were desirous of having the route cross the Santee river at Murry's ferry and pass on through Kingstree.

The following account of the meeting is taken from the News and Courier of Tuesday:

"At a meeting of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday morning to decide upon the route to be improved between Charleston and Columbia, the report of their highway committee, recommending that passing through Mount Holly, Monck's Corner, Pinopolis, Elleree, Eutawville, Vances, Creston and St Matthews, was unanimously approved. Mr J P Gaillard, chairman of the subcommittee appointed to investigate feasible routes, presented the report. At the invitation of the local chamber delegates were present from Monck's Corner, Holly Hill, Kingstree and other places in the district affected. Commissioner Watson, of the department of agriculture, was present and spoke briefly. At 2:30 p. m. a luncheon was served in the assembly room to the directors and their guests.

"Mr James O'Hear, of the subcommittee, sketched the develop-

ment of the movement. Some two months ago, he said, it had come to the attention of members of the board that both of the commonly-used roads between Charleston and Columbia were all but impassable in wet weather. A sub-committee had then been appointed to look into the possibility of improving the old State highway, which passes through Holly Hill. It had met with such indifference from the people of that section of Berkeley county through which the highway runs, however, that it had been forced to look elsewhere for a route. Delegates from Monck's Corner had then come to the committee, advocating the new route and promising enthusiastic co-operation. The new line, known as the Congaree road, had accordingly been chosen.

"Dr Kershaw Fishburne, speaking for the delegates from Monck's Corner, said that the present undertaking should be divorced absolutely from politics, so that the people could be sure that all the money appropriated would be spent upon the road. He favored the administration of the funds by a commission. The law allows, he said, the levying of a two-mill tax for a period of two years upon the property of persons living in the parishes through which a road runs, provided the property-holders' consent can be secured. This would provide, in the case of that part of the new route passing through Berkeley county, a sum of six thousand dollars a year, and he is sure that the levy would pass. In addition to this, a minimum of about three and possibly five or six thousand dollars could almost certainly be secured by private subscription. This, with the amount subscribed by the Charleston Chamber, would bring the total up to between sixteen and twenty thousand dollars.

"The delegates from Holly Hill represented that they had been ignorant of the agitation for a better road, and asked that they be given time to find out whether the people of that section of Berkeley county would not support the improvement of the old State highway before the board should take definite action favoring the other route.

"The supporters of the Congaree road brought out that the cost of improving would be much less than in the case of the State road, that it passed through a more populous section of the coastal plain, and that it passes in a short distance of Murry's ferry across the Santee, improvement of the roads near which would open up to Charleston the prosperous and hitherto isolated section of Williamsburg and adjacent counties. Mr Philip H Gadsden pointed out that acceptance of one route did not by any means imply rejection of the other, and that Charleston would be certainly glad to help in improving the State road if the persons along it seemed interested.

"Commissioner E J Watson was heartily in favor of the new route. He assured the board that a good road through the coastal plain would be of immense advantage to Charleston, and stressed particularly the value to the city of communication with the territory across the Santee. Ferries on important highways, he said, had never proved satisfactory; and he advised the board to take steps toward the erection of a bridge at Murry's ferry.

"A joint committee was formed to take charge of the work on the new route, and, in view of the assistance promised by the citizens of Monck's Corner and elsewhere, the board went on record as endorsing the new route for the State highway."

The meeting was assured by Senator Epps that the people of Williamsburg were heartily in favor of the route passing through their county and in his opinion would do their full share toward the building of a bridge across the Santee at Murry's ferry.

### LATEST WAR SUMMARY.

British and French troops, thrown forward in a great offensive against the German lines on both sides of the River Somme, 60 miles north of Paris, have penetrated at one point to a depth of five miles; taken several villages and captured a labyrinth of trenches extending to a depth of 1,000 yards on a front of seven miles.

The drive, the most spectacular in this region since the British captured Loos last September, began Saturday morning after the German trenches had been subjected to a hail of shells from guns of every calibre for days. Progress has been reported along the entire front of about 25 miles.

The greatest success gained by the British was on the right. In the centre they captured what are designated in the official report as "many strong points," along a front of four miles. But north of the Ancre valley to Gommecourt powerful counterattacks by the Germans have resulted in forcing the British back from various sections of the ground gained in their first onslaughts.

The town of Albert was the starting point of one of the fiercest fights, the British advancing from east of town to Montauban, more than five miles away. Besides Montauban and Serre, the villages of Hebuterne, La Boisselle and Mametz have been captured. Two thousand German prisoners have passed through the British collecting stations.

In co-operation with the British the French initiated a strong offensive. South of the Somme they captured four villages, and north of that river they established themselves in the neighborhood of Hardecourt and Curlu. The number of German prisoners taken by the French had reached 3,500 up to the time of the sending of the last official report.

The capture of the famous Thiau-

mont work on the Verdun front by the French also has been effected. This important strategic point has changed hands several times and around it probably thousands of men have fallen. On the left bank of the Meuse, the fighting is most intense around Hill 204, Le Mort Homme and Avocourt.

In the Trentino the Italians continue to advance along the entire Pysina line and the Arsena valley. Artillery bombardments mark the action on the rest of the Austro-Italian front.

While the Russians report progress south of the Dniester river, in Galicia, the Austro-Germans claim the capture of Russian works west and northwest of Lutsk, especially in the vicinity of Sokul, Volhynia.

Maintaining their drive against the Austrians in Galicia in the region of Kolomea, the Russians have captured many villages. Northwest of Kimpolung, Bukowina, the Russians already are in the mountains and they report the seizure of several strong positions. Attacks of German troops in the region of the Lipa river were repulsed with heavy losses, Petrograd asserts.

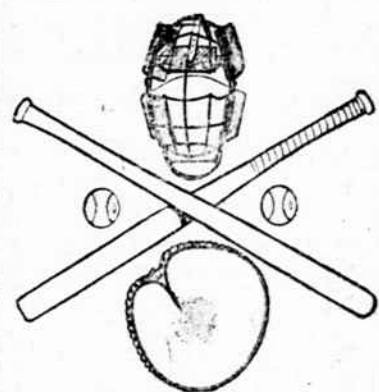
The German troops under Gen von Linsingen have taken Russian positions west of Kolki and southwest of Sokul. Fighting is in progress southwest of Lutsk.

Gen von Linsingen's forces since July 16 have captured 26 officers and 1,165 men. Petrograd reports the number of prisoners taken from June 4 to June 30, inclusive, as 217,000 officers and men.

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### ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE.

#### News Items of Interest Gathered by a Faithful Son of the Soil.

Rhems, July 4:—The crops in this section are looking fine and the farmers are well up with their work. Some of the tobacco planters are curing their "lugs."

Dr and Mrs L B Johnson and little son, Allen, and Mrs G B Eaddy are spending a pleasant outing on Pawley's Island.

Mr and Mrs J W Waldron, Sr. of Andrews are visiting Mr and Mrs J W Waldron, Jr. and Mr and Mrs J H Richardson and other relatives.

Mr and Mrs A B Edwards and their little son, A B, Jr, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs Edwards' parents, Mr and Mrs J P Wheeler, at Andrews.

Miss Pauline Munnerlyn, an accomplished young lady of the Choppee section, is spending some time with relatives and friends at Brunson.

Miss Mary Rhem entertained several of her young friends at her home on Wednesday evening, June 28, in honor of her birthday. Some of the out of town friends were Misses Mabel Chandler, Lucile Turbeville, Louise Snow, and Catherine Verner of Henry; Pauline Wilson of Manning; Louise Munnerlyn of Choppee; Clyde Doar of Georgetown, and Miss Theresa Register of Greelyville.

Messrs R C Sarvis and G G Broadway visited in the cities of Andrews and Georgetown Sunday and report having had a pleasant trip.

Mr Geo E Grier spent the weekend in Conway.

An exciting game of baseball was "pulled off" at Indiantown last Saturday between the Union and Indiantown teams, the score resulting in favor of the Union boys, 10 to 7. The boys report having been treated to a delicious spread of tasty eatables at the usual dinner hour.

Dr and Mrs David Anderson and daughter, Ruth, of Santa Rosa, Cal, have returned to their home after whiling away several pleasant weeks with relatives and friends here.

Prof O M Mitchell and brother, Mr Louis, Rev P A Murray, Ernest and Sarvis Cribb and others left here Wednesday morning to attend the annual meeting of the Men's Bible class at Sumter.

Mr and Mrs B W McElveen and family visited at the home of Capt and Mrs John Ferdon at Morrisville Sunday.

## CARRANZA'S REPLY CONCILIATORY.

### WASHINGTON OFFICIALS FEEL THAT BREAK WITH MEXICO HAS BEEN AVERTED.

Washington, July 4:—General Carranza's reply to the demands of the United States reached the Mexican embassy here today and will be delivered to Secretary Lansing tomorrow. If it is correctly described by persons close to the embassy, it is conciliatory in language and tone and designed to offer a basis for amicable adjustment of difficulties between the two governments.

As all Washington was celebrating the Fourth of July, Eliseo Arredondo, the Mexican ambassador-designate, made no attempt to seek an immediate engagement to present the communication. Instead he directed an embassy employee to give out such information as it was deemed advisable to make public in advance of delivery of the note and then, with members of his staff, left Washington to spend the day at a summer resort.

Secretary Lansing was told of the arrival of the reply by newspaper correspondents. He seemed gratified at the description of its contents but withheld formal comment.

In spite of the reserve pending study of the text of the note, the general feeling here was that the crisis which had been only a step from actual war had passed. If the unofficial version of the reply is borne out there undoubtedly will be a resumption of friendly diplomatic negotiations, and in the absence of further serious border raids or unwarranted attacks upon American troops, there will be little danger of a break.

According to the information available, the note renews assurances that adequate forces of the de facto government are engaged in suppressing brigandage in northern Mexico and protecting the international line; admits that a serious situation exists but again suggests that the presence of American troops aggravate rather than helps matters; and paves the way for resumption of discussions

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